

# Apex Selects New Assistant Town Manager

After a nationwide search, Apex had to look no further than River Bend, NC to find a new Assistant Town Manager. Andrew “Drew” Havens was recently selected to fill the position.

Six finalists were selected from 272 applications for an intensive multi-day assessment process where candidates were judged by other municipal managers and HR professionals in a panel interview, role play scenario and team problem exercise.

With 13 years of municipal management experience, Havens served first as Manager for the Town of Glasgow, Virginia and currently for River Bend, North Carolina. He holds a Masters in Public Administration, and has also received the International City and County Management Association Credentialed Manager certification.

Most notably during his time in management, Havens has been responsible for major improvements in financial practices, bond ratings, and budget preparation. His focus on customer service is evident through achievements in the areas of utilities, parks and recreation, and citizen outreach.

“We are thrilled to have a person of Drew’s education, qualifications, experience and expertise join our team of highly professional public servants,” stated Town Manager Bruce Radford.

Prior to management, Mr. Havens served for twelve years in local law enforcement, and has nearly 30 years of volunteer firefighter/EMT experience.

“I am excited to have this opportunity to become part of a team that is passionate about the work they do on behalf of the citizens of this great town,” stated Havens. “We look forward to becoming part of the Apex community; honoring the rich history of the town while embracing its bright future.”

The first day on the job for Havens will be July 7th. He will be formally introduced to Council during their June 3rd meeting.